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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN FM SEEKS DEPARTMENT "STATEMENT OF  
INTEREST" IN CHALABI APPEAL

REF: A. SECSTATE 79845  
[1](#)B. AMMAN 006118

Classified By: Ambassador David Hale for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) Jordanian Foreign Minister Abdelelah al-Khatib on October 4 formally requested that the Ambassador convey the GOJ's desire that the USG file a "Statement of Interest" to the relevant U.S. court in response to Ahmad Chalabi's appeal of the August 2007 dismissal of his lawsuit against Jordan. Similar GOJ requests in the past (Refs A and B) for USG statements during the original suit have been turned down, but the GOJ is under the impression that the Department would be more open to involvement at the appellate level.

[1](#)2. (U) Please advise.  
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